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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 17-27, 2003

US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)-Minor items remain. No delays.

US 2 & 395-Division Street "Y" (MP 293)-On Thursday, July 24 from about 9:00 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance Crews will be repairing an overhead sign at the Division Street "Y" in the northbound right lane. The right lane will be closed from Magnesium Road until just after the work area. Access to US 2/The Newport Highway will still be available. Motorists should expect congestion.

SR 20/Ruby Mountain to Newport (MP 404-436)-Shoulder work, crack sealing, and some utility items are underway. Possible lane restrictions.

SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-37)- On Thursday and Friday, July 24-25, crews will chip seal this highway in Adams County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays. This work requires dry weather.

SR 21/Republic to the Canada Border (MP 162-191)- On Saturday or Monday, July 19 or 21, chip seal work will be underway. Fog seal work should be underway Wednesday through Friday, July 23-25. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)-Shoulder work and minor items will be underway. Motorists should expect some short delays with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic around the work.

SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)-Most work has been suspended until mid-September. All lanes open and the temporary signal has been turned off. Because railing finish work remains the speed reduction will stay in place. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project.

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HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Salnavé Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)-Work is underway in the eastbound or westbound lanes with pavement grinding, shoulder, and median items on the schedule.

- On Thursday and Friday, July 17 and 18, there will be short duration ramp closures when pavement grinding work in the outside lanes goes across ramp exit and entry points. Exact times and durations cannot be predicted.
- In general, Motorists should expect lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Drivers also need to be alert for grooved pavement, bumps, and abrupt lane edges.
- Also, some intermittent rock blasting work may also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

I-90/Sunset Hill to Argonne (MP 278-287)- Work is underway on this project to upgrade and enhancement of the existing electronic system the DOT uses to monitor and coordinate traffic flows throughout the I-90 corridor. Most work will not affect freeway traffic but some upcoming activities over the next few months may create impacts and delays on some city streets with some possible freeway lane and shoulder restrictions at times. On the schedule is work near the Broadway Interchange. No delays expected.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90 Westbound/Sign Bridge Repairs (MP 282.6)-

- On Monday, July 21, from about 9:00 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m., Maintenance crews will be performing sign repair work on westbound I-90 adjacent to the westbound Hamilton/Second Ave. off ramp. The inside freeway will be closed with westbound I-90 reduced to two through lanes. Westbound motorists should be alert for slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays. All on and off ramps will be open.
- On Sunday, July 27, from about 4:00 a.m. to around 1:00 p.m., Maintenance crews will be performing sign repair work on westbound I-90 adjacent to the westbound Hamilton/Second Ave. off ramp. The westbound Second Avenue off ramp will be closed. The westbound Hamilton Off ramp will remain open. Westbound motorists should be alert for slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays. All through lanes open.

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VERY HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)-Several components of work underway.

- Eastbound this weekend-Beginning on Friday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., eastbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane between the Sullivan Interchange and the Barker Interchange. Concrete paving and curing will be underway. Eastbound motorists need to be extremely alert during these weekend hours for slow traffic, congestion, possible delays in addition to narrow lanes with equipment and personnel immediately adjacent to traffic.
- Westbound this weekend-Beginning on Friday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. through early Sunday morning, westbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane for asphalt paving operations. Westbound motorists need to be extremely alert during these weekend hours for slow traffic, congestion, possible delays in addition to narrow lanes with equipment and personnel immediately adjacent to traffic
- Eastbound and Westbound on Weekdays-Other wise throughout the week, paving operations are underway mostly in the evening and overnight hours and on weekends. During the daytime hours on weekdays, motorists need to be alert for equipment and personnel adjacent to the travel lanes. In the evenings and overnight hours on weekdays, plus all hours on weekends, motorists need to be alert for lane closures and speed reductions.
- **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours.

US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)- Work is now underway on this surface rehabilitation project south of Spokane. The pavement surfacing work is in the southbound lanes only. Saw cutting and joint sealing is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites. Also some signage and electrical work in the northbound and southbound lanes will be underway.

SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and just west of Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

SR 290/Southbound Hamilton Street Bridge (Keefe Bridge/On ramp to I-90)-On Saturday and Sunday, July 19 & 20, from about 5:00 a.m. to around 1:30 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be repairing overhead signs. The southbound Hamilton Street Bridge will be reduced to one lane. Motorists should expect some congestion.

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SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/5 Repair (MP 0.82-0.91)-Work is now underway on the repair of this bridge just east of Hamilton Street. This is underwater repair being done from the waterway, (Spokane River). No lane restrictions on Trent are anticipated however some sidewalk closures on the north side of the bridge may be needed at times.

US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)-Work is now underway on this resurfacing project in Stevens County. Items on the schedule include crack sealing and shoulder items. Possible delays of up to 10 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic.

US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

US 395/Colville (MP 230)-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing additional an turning lane, driveway access, and lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8th Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.

US 395/Boys to Canada (MP 248-270)- On Thursday and Friday, July 24-25, crews will fog seal this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays. This work requires dry weather.

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